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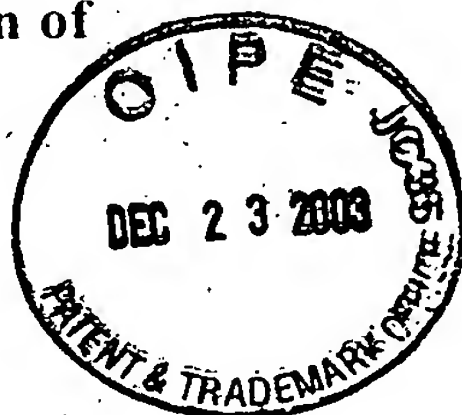
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**COVER LETTER**

Sir:

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FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	14	19	(Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	2	3	(Over 3)	x \$86	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$290	0
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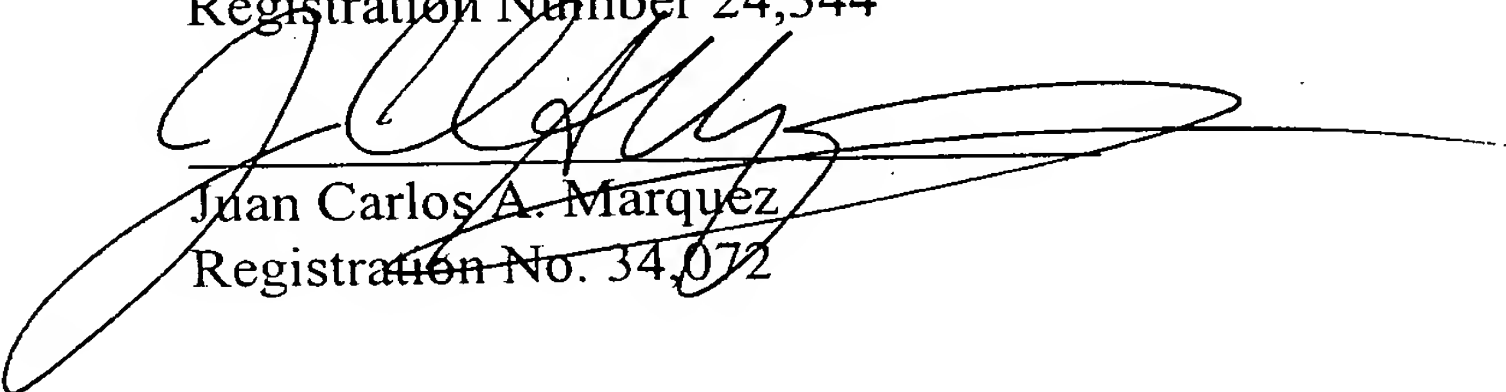
- [ x ] Response to Office Action  
(with Claim Amendments)
- [ ] Substitute Specification
- [ ] Preliminary Amendment
- [ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_

- [ ] Petition for Extension of Time
- [ ] Terminal Disclaimer
- [ ] Letter to Draftsperson
- [ ] Assignment
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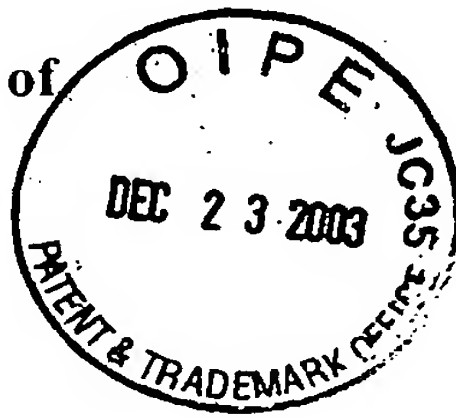
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 19, 2003, the period of response to which is set to expire in two months, on January 19, 2004. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: